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Serial No.: 08/999,106) Examiner
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For System and Method for)
Home Automation and)
Security)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicants hereby submit references A1-A26 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56(b). Further, Applicants reserve the right to contest that any of these references is prior art against the present application, and Applicants do not believe that the disclosure of any of these references, even if finally determined to be prior art, anticipates Applicant's invention or that the references, alone or in combination, make Applicants' invention obvious.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

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